Agreement between Management of FCI and Employees

2125. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been signed between the F.C.I. management and the employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only the workers owing allegience to INTUC are entitled for the benefits of the agreement including increased wages;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the benefits under the above agreement are denied to the workers of Sangrur, Machhiwara, Sanchwal, Dhuri, Vudlada, Ahmedgarh, Nabha, Sarhind, Jagron, etc which are big depots of FCI;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the conract system will be abolished in only 73 depots after 31st December, 1993 or in entire Punjab in the F.C.I. godowns; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government to end the contract system after 31st December, 1993 under Section 10 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Only a Memorandum of Understanding has been reached (on 12.7.1993) between the management of FCI and FCI workers Union in respect of 73 depots of Punjab for making direct payment, on piece rate basis, to the labourers working therein through a Three Member Committee to be nominated by the Workers' Union from among the workers where either the contractors had resigned or the contractors had no objection to the payment being made to the labourers directly. The terms of the MOU extend to all the workers working in these depots irrespective of their Trade Union or affiliation.

(d) and (e) No decision has yet been taken about the continuance of the system or otherwise beyond 31-12-1993.

Applications pending for new Sugar Projects

2126. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 90 letters of intent for new sugar projects and 140 for expansion of existing sugar units are pending in the Ministry for decision and if so, since when, their break-up category-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have approved 50 new sugar mills in U.P. and Haryana on the eve of Assembly Elections; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the new approvals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) There are 88 letters of intent for establishment of new sugar units and 164 letters of intent for expansion in the existing units which are pending implementation in the country. The State-wise, sector-wise break-up is given in the Statement—I and Statement —II. (*See* below). After the issue of letter of intent by the Government, it is primarily the duty of the concerned enterprenuer to complete necessary formalities, arrange for finance, place orders for civil works/plant and machinery, etc. to implement the said letter of intent.

(b) and (c) No letter of intent has been issued for setting up of new sugar mills in Uttar Pradesn and Haryana on on the eve of the Assembly Elections. However, three letters of intent have been issued for setting up of new sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana on the eve of the Assembly Elections. issued in the State of Uttar pradesh by the Ministry of Industry after the Assembly Election till yet.